

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1901.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Senator McLaurin seems to prefer to reply to Senator Tillman and other Democrats at long range, therefore he need not be expected at Spartanburg or Greenville.

The Lexington Dispatch republishes from The Watchman and Southron the report of the congressional meeting in this city on the 6th, and says that it is useless to give a detailed report of the meetings in that county. The candidates evidently have nothing new to tell the visitors.

Charleston's City Council has at last reached the conclusion that the "city by the sea" is a part of South Carolina with respect to the dispensary law, and has passed an ordinance providing for the punishment of violators of that law. If the police force will now do its full duty there will be fewer open bar rooms in Charleston in future. The liquor sellers will not continue the brazen and defiant violation of the law if they are made to realize that punishment is certain and they will become blind tigers in fact as well as name.

If the business men of Sumter wish to secure the establishment of a roller mill and thereby promote wheat growing in Sumter and Clarendon Counties there is now at hand an opportunity to do so. The item is in receipt of a letter from a roller mill man of twenty years of experience who is looking for a location to establish a mill, and, if the people of Sumter, are sufficiently interested, he will visit the city and make a business proposition. It is a good thing to take up, as a mill in Sumter would probably be a paying investment. The wheat grown in this county has to be taken to Wedgefield, Darlington or Camden to be ground, and if a mill were convenient a great deal more wheat would be planted.

That Col. Neal, former Superintendent of the Penitentiary, will be pardoned seems to be a foregone conclusion. So many letters from "prominent men" have been received by the Governor within the past week, and such voluminous petitions have been laid before him by other prominent and influential men that he would be a very hard-hearted man indeed should he turn a deaf ear to these touching appeals that indicate what prominent and influential men want done for the relief of Col. Neal, who was himself, at one time, a prominent and influential man in political circles.

If Senator McLaurin is not more economical in the use of his family he will soon have no excuse for not attending meetings at which he will meet his opponent in debate. Already he has been sick, his wife has been sick, his daughter has been sick, and now his poor old step father, away up in New York is paralyzed. Unless he has a very large family connection some of them will certainly have to get sick twice or oftener, for the people seem to be in the notion to hold political meetings. However, if the South Carolina supply gives out there are lots of McLaurins in Mississippi, and a few of them may be sick at opportune times to save the Senator's face.

A TRUE STORY.

A few days ago a certain has-been politician, of this county, who has at present neither an office nor influence, met the Grand Cyclops of South Carolina politics and undertook to pump him on the subject of the Congressional race in this district. Mr. Has-Been went after the Grand Cyclops somewhat after this manner:

"Well what do you think about the race for Congress in our district?"

The Grand Cyclops said, "Ugh!"

Mr. Has-Been: "You see we don't exactly know who is the best man for the place and of course we want to vote for the best man: a good many of the boys would like to know what you think about the candidates, for they place great reliance in your judgment."

Grand Cyclops: "Oh, By—! No you don't."

Moral: A Has-Been, of no influence, can't even get an expression of opinion from a Great Man.

Cleveland, August 19.—Adam Kest and Joseph Eugel, two of a dozen or more workmen who were trapped in the water works tunnel two hundred feet below the surface of Lake Erie by the burning of crib No. 2 last Wednesday morning, were rescued late this afternoon and are now lying semi-conscious at a hospital. With careful nursing, the physicians say, they will soon recover their former strength and probably be none the worse for their thrilling experience.

Mr. W. H. Smith's Killing was an Accident and Not Suicide.

Mr. R. P. Stackhouse on whose place the late W. H. Smith lived, has requested that the following statement be made in reference to Mr. Smith's death:

Mr. Smith was not in particularly bad health, he was not melancholy or despondent, he was not in serious financial straits though in debt, his crop was not a failure, but on the contrary was better at the time of his death than the average crop this year and better than had been made on the same land last year. Mr. Smith had not been threatening to kill himself, but had merely talked to his wife about a friend who had killed himself by taking laudanum. He did not borrow Mr. Stackhouse's gun to protect himself in case he was attacked by a negro who was said to have made threats against his life, but to shoot a dog, and having killed the dog, it is a natural inference to believe that on the morning of his death he was on his way to return it. Mr. Stackhouse and others who examined the scene of his death found ample evidence to fully satisfy them that Mr. Smith's death was an accident, and neither suicide nor murder. They found where Mr. Smith laid the gun down across the corn beds by the side of the path, walked off some distance, and where he returned, picking up the gun, it is supposed, by the barrel with his left hand started to walk on, when the hammers were caught on a corn stalk and the gun discharged—marks being found on one of the stalks made probably, by the hammer of the gun. The loads entered the left side of the head, back of and above the ear, blowing the whole top of the skull off.

Mr. Stackhouse says that he is, and all others who have carefully examined the ground are, perfectly satisfied that the accident happened as above stated. He is also of the opinion that if the Coroner and jury of inquest had made careful investigation these facts would have been established before the verdict was rendered.

It is unfortunately a fact that, as a rule, juries of inquest do their work too hurriedly, and many who serve on such juries do not seem to realize the responsibility of the position and the importance of doing the work thoroughly.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 20.—The week ending 8 a. m., Monday, August 19th, had even, nearly normal temperature, with a maximum of 96 degrees at Greenwood, and a minimum of 66 degrees at Greenville. These temperatures were favorable for crop growth and development. There was a slight deficiency in sunshine over the southeastern portion, while over the remainder of the State general cloudiness prevailed, generally detrimental to crop development. High winds damaged corn and cotton in the extreme northwestern counties.

Excessive rains occurred over the western and northern counties, causing freshets in all the rivers and creeks, that destroyed what bottom land crops remained. Greenville had 7.04 inches, Spartanburg 7.50, Anderson 8.20, and Liberty 6.68, while many other places had smaller, but excessive amounts for the week. Over the central, southern and eastern counties, the rainfall was normal, or below, and generally beneficial. Many points had some rain on every day. In small sections of Edgefield and Greenwood counties the ground is still dry, but with those exceptions, the need of dry weather is indicated.

On sandy lands, cotton has taken on rust extensively, is shedding freely, and is losing color, but on clay lands a further improvement is indicated during the week, especially for early cotton, which is heavily fruited.

Young cotton is growing too much to weed and is not fruiting satisfactorily. Early cotton is beginning to open over practically the whole State, although picking will not be general for some time. The first bale of the season was marketed at Charleston on the 17th. First bales were marketed, usually in August, in previous years, as follows: 1900, on 6th; 1899, on 4th; 1898, on 9th; 1897, on 2d; 1896, on July 25th; 1895, on August 20th; 1894, on 15th. Sea-island cotton continues to improve and is fruiting, but remains undersized.

Young corn looks promising where not destroyed by freshets, but the general condition of corn indicates an extremely short yield. Fodder pulling is general. Tobacco cutting and curing is nearing completion, although some tobacco has taken on a new growth. Rice is heading and filling well, and some is ready to harvest. The forage crops, including pea vines and grass, look promising. Sweet potatoes are doing well. Second crop of white potatoes are coming up. Turnip sowing continues under favorable soil conditions. In many sections, the late peach crop is rotting extensively. Army worms have appeared in large numbers in a few eastern counties, and are destroying much grass. Pastures are excellent.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 19.—The American Cigar Co. factory was burned today, loss \$200,000.

PISGAH CORRESPONDENCE.

Pisgah, S. C., Aug. 20.—The rains have been irregular here. Some places too much and some others near by none.

Cotton is opening about in places where it has the rust or exhaustion. The bolls on the big stalks are wide apart. Fodder pulling is now on hand. Some of us have some right good nubbins and we feel elevated over it.

The government corn report showing 54 per cent of a crop is blue sure, to those who have no corn, and their names this year are many.

Mr. Crouch is carrying on a meeting at Pisgah. Mr. Smith one at Beulah. I understand Mr. Stokes who used to preach here is to help him.

Congressman Latimer is sending out public documents to the farmers here, on agriculture. This is kind of him, as we have no Congressman. Senator Tillman don't forget us. "Johnnie" don't send any to those who are dead against him. His lieutenant in this county keeps him posted.

Those charming young ladies, Miss May Allen, of Providence, and Miss Dell Vinson, of Sumter, are visiting at Mr. L. S. Vinson.

The Congressional pot is quietly boiling here. Sumter's two candidates will poll the votes here, tho' the others will get some. But as politics is as uncertain as the weather of an April day, the verdict of petit jury, or a maiden in her love affairs, it is hard to tell just what will happen.

Race Issue in England.

London, Aug. 19.—The Afro-American delegates to the International Ecumenical council, which is to meet in Wesley chapel in city road, London, next month are already arriving.

Their advent is causing unexpected difficulty at one of the big hotels in the West End, where a large number of Americans are staying. The latter, amazed by the announcement that some 200 colored men were coming, formally protested to the proprietor, assuring him that such a thing would not be permitted in the United States and demanding that the colored people be accommodated in a separate part of the hotel.

The proprietor declined to interfere, with the result that some of the Americans are already arranging to leave.

13,000 Boers Were in Arms.

London, Aug. 20.—In a dispatch dated July 8, and detailing the condition of affairs, at the front at that time, Lord Kitchener says:

"There are now more than 13,500 Boers now under arms. Although they are not able longer to undertake extensive operations their apparently inexhaustible supplies of food enable them to maintain an obstinate resistance without retaining anything or defending the smallest portion of this vast country."

"The wearing down process is necessarily slow, rendering the employment of a large number of troops still necessary. Great patience is still required to see the inevitable end of an insensate resistance which, while it cannot affect the result, has become unjustifiable in prolonging the war and the sufferings of women and children."

Since this dispatch was written the losses of the Boers have brought their forces down to about 11,000.

France and the Potato.

There was much difficulty in introducing the potato into France. It was only toward the end of the reign of Louis XIV that it began to be used. The learned had opposed its introduction systematically, saying it produced leprosy, and the common people refused to test it even on their live stock.

A trick at last established it. Fields were planted all over France with potatoes and carefully guarded until the tubers were ripe, it being given out that these fields were growing a new thing specially for the king and that trespassers would be prosecuted. Now, the laws at that time were severe. A man might be hanged when he hunted in the wild forest, for the game was the seigneur's, almost each one of whom kept his private gallows. Trespass against the king implied, therefore, terrible punishment.

The danger of the punishment proved itself an alluring bait. As the contrivance, wise in foresight, had seen, the fields that were purposely left unguarded were pillaged right and left, the potatoes eaten, some kept and planted and the tuber at last effectually introduced in France.

Unknown to the Lawyers.

Judge —, one of the great lawyers of the last generation, charged a client a retainer of \$1,000 in an important case, but the parties got together next morning and settled the suit before the judge had opened a book or written a line concerning it. His client called to see if he would not refund part of the money. The lawyer seemed surprised at the suggestion. "Refund?" he exclaimed. "Refund, did you say? My friend, that is a kind of fund unknown to the legal profession!"—New York Press.

An Acquired Taste.

"Yes, there is something in a name. There's my wife, for instance."

"What about her?"

"Why, her first name is Olive, and I didn't like her at all at first."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Where They Agreed.

At the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales an English town wished to present an address, but there was a great discussion as to its wording. For some time they could not agree at all. "Conscious as we are of our own unworthiness" was universally condemned, but when some one proposed "Conscious as we are of each other's unworthiness" it was agreed to to a man.

Managers Primary Election.

Headquarters Democratic Executive Committee.

Sumter, S. C., Aug. 21, 1901.

Following is a list of the Managers appointed by the County Democratic Executive Committee of Sumter County for the primary election to be held Tuesday, September 10th, to select a Democratic nominee for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District, to succeed the late Congressman Stokes. These Managers will also act for the second primary, to be held two weeks later if one be necessary:

Mayesville—J. B. Trimnal, H. H. Cooper, M. B. Wilson; E. L. Wingate, clerk.

Pleasant Grove—W. J. Keels, D. J. Young, M. D. Weaver; E. A. F. Chandler, clerk.

Wells X Roads—J. D. Newman, W. M. Baker, B. A. Keels; N. B. Scarborough, clerk.

Spring Hill—J. T. Munnerlyn, J. R. Mathis, J. D. Evans; T. W. Munnerlyn, clerk.

Rafting Creek—D. V. Keels, Frank K. Young, T. J. Brown; E. E. Rembert, clerk.

Gaillard's X Roads—L. R. Williamson, A. W. Weldon, A. K. Burrows; H. W. Bennett, clerk.

Sumter—M. DeVeaux Moore, J. A. Renno, John H. Clifton, Horace Harby, Jr., clerk.

Bandana—Joseph J. Hatfield, B. D. Turner, Frank Capell; J. E. DuPre, clerk.

Carter's Crossing—A. S. Beasley, J. M. Bramlett, L. R. Dixon; W. J. Barrett, clerk.

Manchester—J. B. Osteen, A. S. Corbett, W. J. Ardis; J. M. Kolb, clerk.

Bossard—J. R. Bracey, H. Robinson, M. W. Cummings; W. D. McLeod, clerk.

Zoar—Lee Mixon, S. J. White, P. L. Jones; S. S. Davis, clerk.

Laborers and Mechanics—G. E. Richardson, D. W. Owens, John S. Richardson; J. D. Epperson, clerk.

Rattlesnake Springs—T. D. Hancock, Jr., J. M. McCaskill, J. L. Mathis; Farman Hancock, clerk.

High Hills—W. S. Thompson, C. E. Sanders, P. F. Mellett; C. A. Mitchell, clerk.

Mt. Clio—K. E. Wells, R. F. Smith, D. W. Josey; C. C. Reid, clerk.

Salem—J. A. Boykin, R. E. McElveen, G. W. McBride; J. F. McElveen, clerk.

Hampton—L. M. Colclough, D. A. Outlaw, L. L. Fraser, Jr.; G. A. Brown, clerk.

Providence—H. A. Raffield, J. T. Cummings, J. H. Jones; J. B. Rayfield, clerk.

Earle—W. E. Pritchard, John Furman Hodge, E. B. Hodge; A. P. Hudson, clerk.

Stateburg—G. V. Nelson, J. T. Frierson, Jr., F. P. Burgess; J. T. Frierson, Jr., clerk.

Scarborough—D. C. McLeod, A. W. Scarborough, A. F. Smith; E. P. Scarborough, clerk.

Atkins—J. Taylor, J. W. Herington, W. T. Truluck; J. A. Thomas, clerk.

Concord—W. W. Kenney, Eugene Newman, W. J. DuRant; W. L. Brunson, clerk.

Farmers—H. M. Spann, John Burkett, Jim Baker; L. M. Spann, clerk.

Mt. Clio No. 1—J. J. Shaw, W. M. Reid, English Plowden; R. McCutchen, clerk.

Wedgefield—J. C. Singleton, T. L. Strange, E. L. Duncan; R. H. Ramsey, clerk.

Should any of the managers appointed be unable to serve, the member of the County Executive Committee from the club where such a vacancy in the Board of Managers shall occur, is empowered to fill it.

One of the managers above named will call at the office of the County Chairman on or before Saturday, September 7th, to receive the boxes, tickets and instructions.

JOHN M. KNIGHT,

County Chairman.

H. L. B. Wells, Secretary.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE of sundry executions to me directed, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, in front of the Court House in the City of Sumter, on the first Monday in September next, and as many days thereafter as may be necessary, within the legal hours of sale, the following property:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land in Providence Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 10 acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Luke Colclough, Tom Muldrow, Marion Moise and R. M. Jenkins and others, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Susan Heriott at the suit of the State for taxes.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in Lynchburg Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 2 acres, more or less, bounded by lands of A. A. Strauss, Howard Durant and lands formerly of Dr. J. M. Sanders, levied upon and to be sold as the property of William Gardner at the suit of the State for taxes.

H. W. SCARBOROUGH,

Sheriff of Sumter County.

Sumter, S. C. August 12, 1901.

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Walhalla, Aug. 19.—Victor Wilson, a son of Rev. J. B. Wilson, of Anderson, was drowned in White Water river near Jocassee, Pickens County, on Saturday.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 19.—The Constitutional convention adopted a section today forbidding members of the legislature or Judicial officers accepting free railroad passes.

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